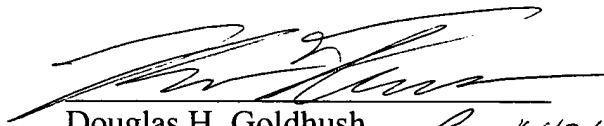


REMARKS

The above Abstract of the Disclosure is submitted to place the application in compliance with United States patent practice, as requested in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated October 29, 2003. No new matter has been added. Timely consideration of claims 1-18, as amended in the Preliminary Amendment of August 1, 2003, is respectfully requested.

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